City Manager's Weekly Update

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Upcoming Events

April 1st Planning Commission Meeting (agenda)

April 2nd Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting (agenda)

April 8th City Council Meeting

April 26th Earth Day in the Park (see flyer below)

Executive Summary

Mayor and Council,

San Mateo County Press Conference on Operation Sunny Day

"Sunny Day" had a chilling meaning among members of three Peninsula gangs indicted on charges related to a wave of violence in San Mateo County. It was their code to announce another rival had been killed.

On Monday, March 24th authorities detailed the case against 14 men and two women charged with a series of crimes, including four unsolved killings over the past two years -- the largest gang bust in the county. The 16 are all members or associates of three East Palo Alto gangs and all of the crimes stemmed from the conflict between them, prosecutors said.

It began in broad daylight Sept. 30, 2012, when one of the defendants shot at a rival gang member from a car on Highway 101 in Belmont.

"And indeed, it is a sunny day today because these 16 gang member felons that have wreaked such havoc on our community are in custody and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe. For the press conference video click here http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TO8YriXefnl



<u>Update Regarding Belmont Redevelopment Agency Debt Refunding-</u>

The Belmont Redevelopment Agency (RDA) previously issued \$15.49 million in Senior Bonds (Series 1999A), \$8.725 million in Subordinate Bonds (Series 1999B) and \$3.265 million in Housing Set-Aside Bonds (Taxable Series 1996) for the purpose of financing and refinancing redevelopment activities with respect to the Redevelopment Project.

Working with our Financial Advisor, Magis Advisors and Placement Agent, Alamo Capital, staff estimates that the refinancing will reduce debt service by approximately \$.23 million/per annum through 2029. These savings will increase the amount of property taxes available to be redistributed to taxing agencies in the City.

The current bonds have interest rates ranging from the average rate of 7.75% to 5.65%. The plan of finance is to refund the outstanding balance of the bonds into two separate series as follows: 1) the Senior 1999A bonds will be refunded on the same senior level through the issuance of \$7.14 million Series 2014A Bonds and 2) the 1996 Housing Taxable Bonds and the 1999B Subordinate Bonds will be refunded on the same subordinate level as the 1999B Bonds through the issuance of \$6,38 million Series 2014B Bonds with an anticipated effective blended rate of 3.68%.

The process for refinancing is expected to take approximately 4-5 months, including future Successor Agency actions, related Oversight Board approvals of the financing documents and the maximum review periods by the State of California Department of Finance.

Water Dog Lake Spillway Gate Closure

The Public Works Maintenance Staff will close the gates at Water Dog lake spillway on April 1st. The Department of Water Resources Division of Dams required the spillway gates to remain in the fully open position from November 1st through April 1st. Water releases allowed the rain water to be released in a measured way due to rain events, and were necessary during the rainy season to reduce possible flooding from the lake.



Water Dog Lake Loop Trail Realignment Project



For five years, volunteers have been working to realign the loop trail around Water Dog Lake. The project was needed because the old trail went through wetlands and was covered by willow trees. There have been 55 volunteer work days on the project resulting in over 3,000 hours of volunteer service saving the City an estimated \$67,000. The project is 80% complete and this week City Council moved to complete the Water Dog Lake Loop Trail Realignment project by authorizing a needed trail bridge to be constructed over the spillway adjacent to Water Dog Lake. Currently, recreational users have to climb down a set of pavers or dug-out steps that are steep and slippery to complete the loop trail. The bridge will allow safe and easy passage for all users who want to use

the trail around the lake or access the other trails in the open space. The City plans to complete the bridge project this summer/fall and have a celebration later in the year. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have worked on the project!











Public Works Weekly Maintenance Highlights

Sewer Division

- Jetted 5,440 feet of sewer main
- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 9 service calls
- Enhanced cleaning and inspection of Island Park Pump Station including cleaning the check valves, pulling both pumps to inspect the impellers, wear rings, lift handle, casing, volute, lift cables, and electrical wiring, and exercised the gate valves
- Videoed 4 sewer laterals
- Smoke tested an easement between Lyon Ave and Notre Dame Ave
- Assisted paving crew on Monday

Storm Division

- Inspected and cleaned 2 storm pump stations including enhanced wet well inspections and repair work on wet well lids and pump station doors
- Swept 79 curb miles and collected 11.81 tons of debris during regular sweeping.
- Twice weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake Trail including the V-ditch, the spillway, the dock, and emptying 8 trash cans
- 12 trash capture devices cleaned and inspected
- Assisted EOA in gathering information to write new Standard Operating Procedures for trash capture device cleaning
- Cleaned 45 drain inlet tops during storms
- Reinstalled the storm flow diverter on Mountain View Ave
- Jetted (cleaned) 450 feet of storm line
- Checked storm hot spots during rains

Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalk
- Fabricated 11 signs
- Replaced 4 street signs
- Removed graffiti on bike bridge
- Repaired 5 street lights, fabricated new wooden street light pole and installed at 1301 Ralston
- Apply vinyl to aluminum blanks for new signage
- Re-booted radio at North Road pump station
- Took down 1 banner and put up 2 banners
- Performed maintenance at Hiller, Island Park & San Juan pump stations
- Measure and compile thermoplastic striping list

Streets Division

- Marked out 19 locations for Underground service alerts
- Saw-cut asphalt areas in preparation for re-paving
- Dg out and pave 21 tons of asphalt in front of 901 Malcolm
- Disposed of 34 tons of debris
- Assist sewer crew jetting in basin 8
- Cleaned storm drain inlets in upper Ralston area

Second Grade Tour

Thursday, March 27th the City welcomed a class of second graders from Belmont-Redwood Shores School District for a tour of City Hall, to learn about some of the Public Works' vehicles and how they are used to maintain the city infrastructure. They enjoyed a tour of the police department where the most pressing question was whether Kilo (K-9 unit) drives his own car. They also participated in a mock City Council meeting, with Community Development Director de Melo as the Mayor's stand-in. He led the "City Council" in a lively discussion about options for Davey Glen Park, where ultimately they decided on a hybrid model of a small play structure and a quiet place for both the humans and the deer and birds.

This was Emily Becker's second grade class from Redwood Shores Elementary, the first time this school has participated in these tours. As Ms. Becker said, "wow, this far exceeded expectations." One of the parent chaperones said, "this is really great!"

We appreciate the opportunity to help make this a fun and memorable experience for these students.













2014 EARTH DAY IN THE PARK



Saturday, April 26th 9am-Noon

@ Twin Pines Park

Document Shredding

Creek Cleanup

Book Mobile/book recycling

Household Battery Drop-off

Fun and Prizes

E-Waste Recycling

Water Pollution Prevention

Exhibits & Displays

Compost Give-away

And so much more!



Poster art contest winner- Julia Wednesday Herrick

Thanks to our partners, many activities and resources will be available to the community during this event. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar and take advantage of the planned activities. For more information, call 595-7425.



Hosted by Belmont Public Works



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California Public Utilities















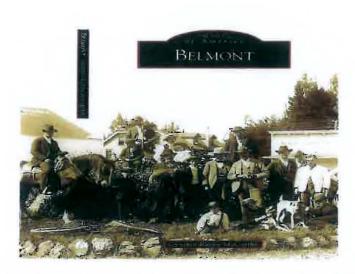






COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Belmont Book Signing



YOU ARE INVITED TO A BELMONT BOOK SIGNING

COME AND JOIN THE BELMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT THE HISTORIC MANOR
BUILDING IN TWIN PINES PARK

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

MEET THE AUTHOR, CYNTHIA KARPA McCARTHY

OUR NEW BELMONT HISTORY BOOK WILL BE ON SALE.

IF YOU HAVE PRE-PURCHASED A BOOK, BRING IT WITH YOU TO HAVE IT SIGNED

WE WILL ALSO HAVE ON DISPLAY BELMONT'S NEW CITY WEB SITE

AND NEW INTERACTIVE HISTORY TOUR

OUR HISTORY ROOM WILL BE OPEN

FREE MEMBERSHIP IN THE BELMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

DENNY LAWHERN AT 650-533-9349



Caltrain Modernization: Coming Soon to Screens Near You



CalMod - Electrification and the Future of Caltrain

Caltrain is celebrating its sesquicentennial birthday with a video that highlights the modernized, cleaner, more efficient future of the rail corridor. For questions or comments about this newsletter, please contact socialmedia@caltrain.com.

What is CalMod?

Modernizing the Caltrain Corridor

The Caltrain Modernization (CalMod) Program will electrify and upgrade the performance, operating efficiency, capacity, safety and reliability of Caltrain's commuter rail service. The Caltrain Modernization Program is scheduled to be operational by 2019.

CalMod includes the electrification of the existing Caltrain corridor between San Francisco and San Jose; the installation of a Communications Based Overlay Signal System Positive Train Control (CBOSS PTC), an advanced signal system that includes federally mandated safety improvements; and the replacement of Caltrain's diesel trains with high-performance electric trains called Electric Multiple Units.

Simply stated, for Peninsula commuters Caltrain will be modernized to provide more service to more stations, carry more riders, reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the corridor substantially and the system will be more cost-effective to operate.

The \$1.5 billion program is funded through a nine-party agreement that leverages local, regional and federal funding to match \$706 million in voter-approved high-speed rail bond revenues.

What's happening now?

On February 28, 2014, Caltrain released the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the planned electrification of the Caltrain corridor between San Jose and San Francisco, a major milestone in the railroad's efforts to improve its commuter rail service.



Caltrain will conduct <u>four public meetings</u> in March and April to obtain public comments on

the DEIR. Click HERE to visit our Facebook event pages.

An EIR is required to evaluate the potential impacts a project will have on the environment including the surrounding community. The PCEP has significant local and regional environmental benefits but would also result in certain local environmental impacts.

Based on information from the DEIR, an electrified Caltrain system, scheduled to begin operations in 2019, will improve regional air quality by up to 84 percent by 2020, increase Caltrain daily ridership to nearly 70,000 by 2020 and more than double current weekday ridership with the downtown extension in place by 2040. It also is projected to take more than 600,000 daily vehicle miles off the region's roadways by 2040. As part of this project, weekday service at the Atherton and Broadway stations will be restored.

The increased ridership and improved performance from electrification are critical for Caltrain to sustain its services and meet future demand.

The DEIR can be viewed <u>HERE</u>. It is also available in hard copy at libraries in each of the 17 cities along the Caltrain corridor between San Jose and San Francisco, which can be viewed <u>HERE</u>. To download the Frequently Asked Questions, please click <u>HERE</u> and to view the DEIR Public Presentation, please click <u>HERE</u>.

Members of the public can submit written comments on the DEIR through April 29, 2014. To assure the full range of public comment, Caltrain has extended the required 45-day comment period to 60 days. Click <u>HERE</u> to learn how to submit comments.

Advanced Signal System Installation Update

The Advanced Signal System (also called Communications Based Overlay Signal System Positive Train Control) will equip the corridor with federally mandated safety technology and increase system capacity, which will help to accommodate future increases in service and make it possible for Caltrain to respond to skyrocketing ridership demands.

Caltrain began the implementation of its Advanced Signal System project in September 2013 with the installation of a fiber optic backbone along its right-of-way. The installation work started in San Jose and will continue north to San Francisco. Currently, installation work is occurring in the San Jose, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Mountain View, Menlo Park, Atherton, Palo Alto, Unincorporated San Mateo County, and Redwood City areas of the Caltrain Corridor.

This month, work began to install the equipment on trains to continue the seamless communication that will occur between signals, trains, dispatchers and other components of railroad operations.

Once complete, the system will monitor and, if necessary, control train movement in the event of human error.

Visit the **CBOSS PTC** section of the Caltrain's website for further information.

CBOSS PTC Project Hotline: (650) 508-6499

CBOSS PTC Project Email: caltrainptc@samtrans.com

CalMod Industry Day

The CalMod Industry Day is scheduled for April 10, 2014. The CalMod Team will share information related to upcoming design-construction procurements to all interested parties.

For further information about Industry Day, please visit the Samtrans procurement website at: http://procurement.samtrans.com.

The Industry Day Flyer can be found HERE.

Twin Pines Community Center Calendar of Events

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Belmont Public Library Calendar of Events

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		8 # 10:30a Mus. Storytime # 3:30p Kids' Craft Club # 3:30p Teen Study Hall	9 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming: Minute to Win It * 4:30p Teen Comp. Coding Workshop * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	1 O * 10:30a Tod. Storytime * 2:00p Mystery Book Group: On, Off by Colleen McCullough * 3:30p Imagination Playgr.	1 1 # 10:30a Preschool Storytime # 11:15a Russian Immersion Storytime # 4:00p Science Club	1 2 * 3:00p Poetry Tea with Kathleen McLung & Jennifer Arin
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